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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE FORMAT FOR  
TARIFF REVIEW PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED BY PRICE CAP CARRIERS  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
2002 ANNUAL ACCESS TARIFF FILING**

**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED  
WCB/PRICING No. 02-06**

**Comments: April 4, 2002**

**Reply Comments: April 11, 2002**

In this notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the format for the access tariff review plans (TRPs) to be submitted by each incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) subject to price cap regulation.<sup>1</sup> As explained below, these ILECs must file two TRPs: (1) a short-form TRP, due by May 1, 2002, and (2) a long-form TRP, due in June 2002 with the annual access tariff filing. In a subsequent public notice, the Bureau will provide a format for a TRP to be submitted by all ILECs subject to rate-of-return regulation, including carriers that are required to file annual access tariffs in July, 2002 pursuant to section 61.38 of the Commission's rules, as well as carriers subject to section 61.39 of the Commission's rules that do not normally file access tariffs in even numbered years.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The price cap ILECs that must file a short form TRP on May 1, 2002, are Aliant Communications Company, Ameritech Operating Companies, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Cincinnati Bell Telephone, Citizens Telecommunications Companies, Frontier Communications of Minnesota and Iowa, Frontier Communications of Rochester, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., Nevada Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Qwest Corporation, Southern New England Telephone, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Sprint Local Telephone Companies, Valor Telecommunications Enterprises, LLC, and Verizon Telephone Companies.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 61.38, 61.39 and 69.3 (f)(1). As a result of the reforms adopted in the *Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order*, all rate-of-return ILECs must file a TRP in 2002. See *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 00-256, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-

TRPs are designed to display basic information on access charges in a uniform format in the most effective and least burdensome way possible. The Bureau updates the TRPs prior to each required filing of access charges to reflect changes in Commission rules. TRPs are subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.<sup>3</sup>

The first TRP attached to the present notice is the short form TRP that seeks information to be submitted by the price cap ILECs, but does not include rates. Price cap carriers will be required to provide this preliminary cost information on May 1, 2002, as required by the Commission's rules.<sup>4</sup> The next attached TRP is the long form to be used by the price cap ILECs that will contain actual rates and provide information on revenues and revenue requirements and will be submitted with the 2002 annual access tariff filing. In addition, the TRPs can be accessed electronically at the Pricing Policy Division's web site at [www.fcc.gov/web/ppd](http://www.fcc.gov/web/ppd).

After reviewing comments received on the attached TRPs, the Bureau will issue final versions of the TRPs and establish tariff filing procedures for the 2002 annual access tariff filings for both price cap and rate-of-return carriers. These procedures will specify the dates on which the tariffs must be filed, the scheduled effective date of those tariffs, the dates for filing petitions to suspend or reject the ILEC tariff filings, the date for filing replies to any such petitions, and service requirements for the petitions and replies.

Pursuant to section 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,<sup>5</sup> interested parties may file comments on the format and content of these TRPs on or before **April 4, 2002** and reply comments on or before **April 11, 2002**. Comments should reference File No. WCB/Pricing 02-06. Comments should be filed with the Commission's Acting Secretary, William F. Caton, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties also should send three paper copies of their filing to Raj Kannan, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 5-A264, Washington, DC 20554, and one copy to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

Interested parties who wish to file comments via hand delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition,

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304 (released Nov. 8, 2001) (*Rate-of-Return Access Charge Reform Order*); *December 17, 2001 MAG Access Charge Tariff Filings*, CCB/CPD 01-23, Order, DA01-2748 (Competitive Pricing Division, released Nov. 26, 2001); *See Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 00-256, Declaratory Ruling, DA 01-2871 (Common Carrier Bureau, released Dec. 11, 2001).

<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. §§ 3506 et seq.

<sup>4</sup> 44 C.F.R. § 61.49(k).

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

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This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>6</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one-sentence or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.<sup>7</sup> Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>8</sup>

For further information, please contact Raj Kannan or Paula-Ann Cech, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1540.

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

<sup>7</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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